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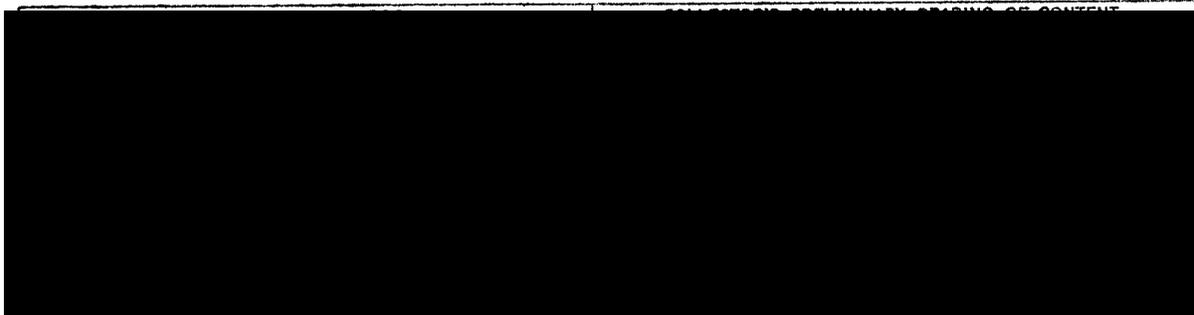
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1. When Khalil Taqi al-Din, Lebanese Minister to Moscow, made it known that he would refuse to return to Moscow in August 1948, he was offered the position of Lebanese Director General of National Defense, which he at first refused, but later accepted when he was asked to supervise, in addition, the Directorate General of Press and Propaganda, and was told that he could make whatever improvements he felt were necessary.
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2. [REDACTED] during the French Mandate Taqi-al-Din was in continuous contact with men of the French Surete, including Tawfiq Khuri, George Asmar, Victor Musa and Henri Baz. He gave them whatever information they wanted and asked them in return to prepare reports about him, mentioning his loyalty to France, hoping thus to be promoted.
3. When World War II started, Taqi-al-Din approached the German Commission and began to furnish it with information through Rashid Shimali, an inspector in the Surete Generale.
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4. In 1942-43 he became a nationalist, [REDACTED] Subject wrote unsigned articles in the press against French "imperialists." He attempted to ingratiate himself with Marun Arab and Colonel Furlong, political advisors to the Spear's mission in the Levant.
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5. On 17 September 1948 Victor Khangulov, Charge d'Affaires of the Soviet Legation in Beirut, visited subject at his house. [REDACTED] Khalil Taqi-al-Din is a friend of Khangulov.
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